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TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Between 5:30 and 7:15 p.m. on 16 June 1952, there was no flying at Zerbst airfield. Twenty-five swept-back jet fighters were parked at the field. On 17 June, [redacted] the first swept-back jet fighters took off about 10:30 a.m. At 6:18 p.m., two swept-back jet fighters [redacted] at the field coming from the west. The planes were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. Another two swept-back jet fighters with auxiliary fuel tanks [redacted] landed at the field coming from the west. Afterwards, no further take-offs or landings were observed from the town.

2. No change was observed on the low frequency landing beacon and the PKV-45 DF station in the eastern extension of the runway. A radio truck was observed near the radio installation with one mast, which was located about 100 meters north of the municipal bath in Zerbst. The radio truck was fitted with a rigid antenna rod at the right front corner of the box-like superstructure and a whip antenna on the right and left rear end of the truck. All three rods were about 3 meters long.

3. [redacted]

* [redacted] Comment. The report confirms that Zerbst airfield is occupied by MiG-15s. Since most of the aircraft are parked in the numerous hangars at the field the exact total aircraft strength could not be determined. According to other observations, the field is occupied by three units, equipped with MiG-15s, and the headquarters of a fighter division. [redacted] it is estimated that two units which are old fighter regiments are equipped with at least 70 to 80 MiG-15s. The third unit has not yet been identified. Its aircraft have been continuously observed at various airfields of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. There are some indications that the unidentified unit is a special unit which is exclusively charged with air defense missions.

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